

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 28, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Staff Present:** Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 293, 1/21/2011; HB 305, 1/21/2011

**HEARING ON HB 293****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 293, Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations.

**EXHIBIT(tah22a01)**

00:02:22 Rep. Flynn entered.

00:06:59 Rep. Stahl entered.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:27 Red Hamilton, Chairman, Board of Directors, Billie Springer Memorial Park, Inc. (BSMP)

00:09:22 Mike Milodragovich, Attorney, Missoula, Montana

00:09:30 Rep. Stahl left.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:51 Rocky Haralson, Regional Manager, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:20 Rep. Hoven

00:14:26 Mr. Hamilton, BSMP

00:14:27 Vice Chairman Miller left.

00:14:30 Rep. Hoven

00:14:45 Mr. Hamilton

00:15:05 Rep. Taylor

00:15:29 Mr. Hamilton

00:15:41 Rep. Taylor

00:15:46 Mr. Hamilton

00:16:27 Rep. Taylor

00:16:31 Rep. Williams

00:16:50 Mr. Hamilton

00:17:32 Vice Chairman Miller returned.

00:17:38 Mr. Milodragovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:37 Rep. Connell

**HEARING ON HB 305****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:56 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 305, Remove property tax exemption for hospitals other than critical access hospitals.

**EXHIBIT(tah22a02)**

**EXHIBIT(tah22a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:50 Rep. Roberts (HD 56) Northwest Billings  
00:42:09 Stan Watkins, Owner, Kalispell Athletic Club  
00:43:52 Rep. Phillips left.  
00:44:44 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.  
00:45:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.  
00:45:52 Rep. Stahl returned.  
00:48:06 Rep. Stahl left.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:48:41 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a04\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a05\)](#)  
00:55:05 Rep. Phillips returned.  
00:56:18 James Kiser, Chief Executive Officer, Saint Joseph Medical Center, Polson  
00:58:40 Scott Duke, Chief Executive Officer, Glendive Medical Center (GMC)  
01:01:36 Steve Carlson, Administrator, Community Medical Center (CMC)  
01:04:35 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a06\)](#)  
01:08:15 John Goodnow, Chief Executive Officer, Benefis Health System  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a07\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a08\)](#)  
01:11:38 Tracy Neary, Mission Outreach, St. Vincent Healthcare  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a09\)](#)  
01:14:10 Rep. Stahl returned.  
01:15:09 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation Billings  
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a10\)](#)  
01:15:11 Rep. Randall left.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:16:12 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
01:16:32 Ali Bovingdon, Consumer Protection Agency, Attorney General's Office (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:45 Rep. McClafferty  
01:19:34 Mr. Goodnow  
01:19:54 Rep. McClafferty  
01:20:22 Rep. Regier  
01:20:38 Rep. Barrett  
01:21:08 Mr. Carlson, CMC  
01:21:56 Rep. Barrett  
01:22:01 Rep. Flynn left.  
01:22:05 Mr. Carlson  
01:22:09 Rep. Lavin  
01:22:22 Rep. Regier  
01:22:27 Rep. Lavin  
01:22:47 Rep. Regier  
01:23:21 Mr. Goodnow  
01:24:28 Rep. Malek  
01:24:42 Ms. Monteau Moore, DOR

01:24:47 Rep. Malek  
01:25:27 Ms. Monteau Moore  
01:25:57 Chairman Blasdel  
01:26:59 Ms. Monteau Moore  
01:26:07 Rep. Malek  
01:26:35 Rep. Flynn returned.  
01:26:40 Ms. Monteau Moore  
01:26:47 Mr. Haralson, DOR  
01:28:48 Rep. Taylor  
01:29:22 Mr. Kiser  
01:29:41 Rep. Hoven  
01:30:12 Mr. Goodnow  
01:31:06 Rep. Hoven  
01:32:04 Mr. Goodnow  
01:33:51 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:34:03 Mr. Goodnow  
01:34:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:34:33 Mr. Goodnow  
01:36:03 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:36:38 Mr. Goodnow  
01:37:00 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:37:22 Mr. Goodnow  
01:38:01 Chairman Blasdel  
01:38:15 Rep. Malek  
01:38:56 Mr. Goodnow  
01:39:00 Rep. Randall entered.  
01:40:36 Rep. Malek  
01:41:18 Mr. Goodnow  
01:43:06 Rep. Knudsen  
01:43:17 Rep. Regier  
01:43:22 Rep. Knudsen  
01:44:29 Rep. Regier  
01:45:21 Rep. Hoven  
01:45:33 Mr. Goodnow  
01:45:45 Rep. Knudsen left.  
01:46:27 Mr. Goodnow  
01:46:33 Chairman Blasdel left.  
01:48:13 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:48:14 Rep. McClafferty left.  
01:48:36 Mr. Goodnow  
01:48:41 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:49:36 Mr. Goodnow  
01:50:01 Rep. Randall left.  
01:50:24 Rep. Knudsen returned.  
01:50:40 Rep. Stahl  
01:50:48 Chairman Blasdel returned.  
01:51:16 Mr. Goodnow  
01:51:48 Rep. McClafferty returned.  
01:52:59 Rep. Taylor left.  
01:53:20 Rep. Flynn left.

01:53:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
01:53:47 Chairman Blasdel  
01:54:00 Ms. Grmoljez  
01:54:27 Rep. O'Neil  
01:54:39 Mr. Goodnow  
01:55:54 Rep. O'Neil  
01:56:35 Mr. Goodnow  
01:56:45 Rep. O'Neil  
01:56:53 Rep. Hale  
01:56:58 Rep. Randall returned.  
01:57:03 Rep. Regier  
01:57:06 Rep. Hale  
01:57:39 Rep. Taylor returned.  
01:57:46 Rep. Barrett  
01:57:51 Rep. Regier  
01:57:55 Rep. Barrett  
01:58:00 Rep. Stahl left.  
01:58:15 Rep. Regier  
01:58:43 Rep. Barrett  
01:58:45 Rep. Regier  
01:58:59 Rep. Phillips left.  
01:59:06 Rep. Barrett  
01:59:16 Rep. Hale left.  
02:00:14 Rep. Regier  
02:00:49 Rep. McNally  
02:01:24 Ms. Grmoljez  
02:02:05 Rep. Barrett, Rep. Fitzpatrick and Rep. Randall left.  
02:02:17 Rep. Barrett returned.  
02:02:39 Rep. McNally  
02:02:43 Ms. Grmoljez  
02:03:02 Rep. Hale returned.  
02:03:30 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:04:04 Mr. Goodnow  
02:04:27 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:04:31 Mr. Goodnow  
02:05:33 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:05:38 Mr. Goodnow  
02:06:38 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:07:36 Mr. Goodnow  
02:07:42 Rep. Hale  
02:08:03 Mr. Goodnow  
02:08:09 Rep. Hale  
02:08:13 Mr. Goodnow  
02:08:27 Rep. Hale  
02:09:05 Mr. Goodnow  
02:09:40 Rep. Hale  
02:09:44 Rep. Williams  
02:09:53 Ms. Monteau Moore  
02:09:56 Ms. Williams  
02:10:02 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

02:10:35 Ms. Monteau Moore  
02:10:57 Rep. Williams  
02:11:27 Ms. Monteau Moore  
02:11:31 Rep. Williams  
02:11:50 Ms. Monteau Moore  
02:11:55 Rep. Malek left.  
02:12:00 Rep. Williams  
02:12:23 Rep. Regier  
02:12:37 Rep. Williams  
02:12:56 Rep. Regier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:13:06 Rep. Regier  
  
02:17:02 Rep. Malek returned.  
02:19:43 Chairman Blaskel  
02:19:50 Rep. Barrett

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:20:09      Adjournment 10:21 am

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibits:**

**[EXHIBIT\(tah22a11\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(tah22a12\)](#)**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tah22aad.pdf](#))**